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My name is Katie Anne Turner. I live at the address of 13800 Petzold Drive Waldorf, Maryland 20601. I am 20 years old and I am the daughter of the owners of Rick's Place (Richard and Carol Turner). Just so we all know EVERYTHING I AM TELLING YOU IS TRUE. First off, I just want to say that my parents are the two most caring people I know and would help anybody. They donate deer to the hungry, they collected items for a neighbor (The Robinsons) when their house burnt down because they lost everything. They put children on the bus for all neighbors that needed it from time to time throughout the years of living here. Nobody has ever had a problem with my parents until the fall of 2011. My parents are not the bad guys, but a select few neighbors try to make it seem that way. The neighbors make it seem that they have been put through so much. NOBODY has been through as much trouble as my family.

My mom and dad have worked their ENTIRE life to make ends meet. My parents put EVERYTHING into opening and operating Rick's Place. I can assure you if they knew they were doing something wrong they would have wanted to fix it then. Why dump so much money into something if it's just going to get shut down?

I have NEVER felt so violated and caged up in my own home. I love where I live. The scene is gorgeous, the neighbors whose properties actually back up to ours are wonderful caring people just like us and it's a nice country setting. I wouldn't change a thing. Even though I love my home, I dread going to get the mail, putting my brother or sister on the bus, going anywhere in general because I get pictures taken of me by my neighbors (the ones who are complaining on Rick's Place). Once a neighbor was hiding in OUR bushes trying to take a picture of a good friend of ours visiting. It's almost like they were trying to catch us doing something wrong. I have been to court to get a peace order with Rick Blevins. Several of the neighbors have cussed me out several times. What in the world is their problem? It's like I am automatically frowned upon because of who my parents are. And they still think we are the bad ones!!

Not all the neighbors have a problem with the shop, just the first few houses on Petzold Drive. A majority of Petzold Drive have no problem with Rick's Place or its traffic. Just because a vehicle enters Petzold Drive does not mean it is going to Rick's Place. There are 19 houses that are on Petzold Drive/Elizabeth Drive. Between people going to work, taking kids to programs/schools/bus stop, having visitors, parties, errands to run and etc. there are a lot of vehicles on the road that are NOT coming from Ricks Place.

Some people are saying they don't want Rick's Place here because of the road. The road was not put in right in the first place. (The County is secretly aware of that.) I have witnessed my dad taking care of the **entire road** on multiple occasions with his tractor and bobcat, even by hand. I know for a fact he's put at least several loads of recycled asphalt down. Yes, the neighbors said they put in speed bumps. I believe the

word “bumps” is an exaggeration of what they placed up. They had mountains of dirt that were only about 10 yards apart from one another. When the cops were called the police officer didn’t want to take his car over it because he was scared to damage his car. Several people damaged their car. Reasonable legit speed bumps would be allowed to be only so high and so far apart. What they had was worse than pot holes. I’d rather drive through pot holes than over those speed mountains.

After the first hearing and court date Rick’s Place received a set of restricted hours of operation. Those hours were strictly followed. Any customers of Rick’s Place that wanted to drop off or pick up came within those hours and were turned away if not. The hours of operation were located at 2 different spots on the property that were very clear to customers. I even posted the new hours on Rick’s Place facebook page. We were closed all Sundays and government holidays. If the opposing neighbors say that we were not abiding the rules, that an accusation. Why would we risk losing everything, when we know were being watched by the opposing neighbors?

My family’s biggest thing is safety. We are all aware that there are kids on this road. My little brother is the youngest. He goes to the neighbors house to play, but he is fully aware that if there are cars in the road that you don’t go in the road. It is common sense. Any vehicle that speeds to the point where they are going to hit a child should not be driving.

There is a simple solution to the whole thing. There should be a fine line that is met between Rick’s Place and the neighbors, so that both parties are pleased. To close my parents shop would not only be unbearable for them but a longer rougher road for my family. For years, Rick’s Place has been the way my parents have paid the bills and

taken care of the family. It would be really hard financially for Rick's Place to relocate after having to pay for this mess. Why would anyone want to put us through this?

Please think of EVERYONE before making a decision. It's not just a slaughterhouse, it's our livelihood.

Thanks for your time,

Katie Anne Turner